

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with the Sheriff and State's Attorney present.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Taylor .

Dr. Scott Andrews, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Mt. Zion led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PROCLAMATIONS

William Oliver presented a proclamation honoring David M. Livingston: Whereas, the people of Macon County and the members of the Macon County Board were saddened to learn of the passing of David M. Livingston on March 9, 2005; and Whereas, David M. Livingston had served with honor and distinction on the Macon County Board for several years, representing at different times two districts within the City of Decatur, an indication of the unprecedented confidence placed in him by the voters; and Whereas, David M. Livingston in the weeks prior to his final illness was re-elected by the voters of County Board District One to a four-year term; and Whereas, David M. Livingston had throughout his long, productive life contributed in many and varied ways to making Decatur and Macon County better places to live; and Whereas, David M. Livingston had by courageous example and farsighted leadership played a major role in the civil rights revolution of the mid-20th Century, a movement that advanced the United State of America closer to the high ideals articulated by its founders in the Declaration of Independence; and Whereas, David M. Livingston had achieved high office in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, serving as president of the Decatur Branch for many years and as president of the Illinois Conference of the NAACP for 10 years; and Whereas, David M. Livingston was a capable, honest, energetic, courteous, and trustworthy public official who devoted himself to his community; and Whereas, David M. Livingston leaves a rich legacy not only in terms of public service but in devotion to family, God, and country; and Whereas, we, the members of the Macon County Board and all elected and appointed officials and employees of the County of Macon mourn his loss and extend to his wife and sons our sincere sympathy in their hour of bereavement; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that this Board go on record as expressing gratitude and appreciation for the life and public career of David M. Livingston and urge his example upon all citizens who wish to make their communities better places to live, work, and raise families; Be It Further Resolved that the official copies of this Proclamation, signed by the Chairman of the Macon County Board and the Clerk of Macon County, be delivered to the family of David M. Livingston

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked Mr. Livingston's son, Malcolm, to come forward and accept the proclamation as a tribute from this Board to his family.

Mr. McGlaughlin presented the proclamation honoring Edwin J. "Ed" Tangney Jr.: Whereas, the citizens of Macon County and the members of the Macon County Board were grieved to learn of the passing of Edwin J. "Ed" Tangney Jr. on May 3, 2005; and Whereas, Ed Tangney held the office of Macon County Recorder of Deeds from 1976 until 1999 with skill and honor; and Whereas, Ed Tangney had an equally distinguished career as a union plasterer and, later, as

Code Enforcement Officer for Macon County; and Whereas, the Tangney name has been one long noted in Macon County for the highest standards of public service, accessibility and responsiveness; and Whereas , Ed Tangney not only inherited this honored tradition but passed along his passion for public service to his children, including Patrick, a former member of the Macon County Board, and his daughter Mary Eaton Tangney, Recorder of Deeds; and Whereas, Ed Tangney was a strong partisan who not only respected those aligned with the opposite political party but made and treasured many friendships with the same; and Whereas, those who knew and worked with Ed Tangney will treasure his humor, loyalty, and public-spiritedness; and Whereas, we, the members fo the Macon County Board, elected and appointed officials of Macon County, and county employees mourn his loss and extend to his family our sincere sympathy in the hour of their bereavement; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that this Board go on record as expressing gratitude and appreciation for the life and public career of Edwin J. “Ed” Tangney Jr. and commend to our fellow citizens his example of public service; Be It Further Resolved that official copies of the Proclamation, signed by the Chairman of the Macon County Board and the Clerk of Macon County, be delivered to the family of Edwin J. “Ed” Tangney Jr.

Mary Tangney Eaton: Mary Tangney Eaton thanked the Board on behalf of the Tangney family.

Verzell Taylor was now present at the meeting.

Pat McDaniel: Mr. McDaniel said he is the newly appointed Executive Director of the Macon County Historical Society and Museum. He attended the annual Chamber of Commerce award banquet this afternoon and the County received an award. The Chamber’s Platinum Award honors businesses or organizations which have marked a milestone in the past year, and which as part of their mission are dedicated to improving the quality of life in Decatur and Macon County. The first 2005 Platinum Award winner is to Macon County to mark it’s 175th anniversary this past year. The Chamber honors Macon County with the Chamber Platinum Award and many thanks from the community to the three pioneers of Macon County who without their initiative our County would never have existed. The award says, “The Platinum Award 2005 presented to Macon County for 175 years of enhancing our community’s quality of life.”

B. APPOINTMENTS

1. Resolution G-2784-5-05 - Appointment to the Macon County Health Board

William R. VanAlstine, D.V.M., 566 N. Brush College Rd., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: May 31, 2006

Resolution G-2785-5-05 - Re-appointments to the Macon County Health Board

Jan Hack, 506 S. Haworth, Decatur, IL 62522
Term Expires: May 31, 2008

Carol Jontry, 3210 Fields Ct., Decatur, Il 62521
Term Expires: May 31, 2008

Jerry Potts, 1561 E. Walnut, Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: May 31, 2008

Resolution G-2786-5-05 - Reappointment to the Decatur Sanitary District

Daniel Smallwood, 231 Isabella Dr., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: 1st Monday, May 2008

Resolution G-2787-5-05 - Appointment to the Decatur Sanitary District

Rob Jacobsen, 770 Apache Dr., Forsyth, IL 62535
Term Expires: May 2008

Resolution G-2788-5-05 - Re-appointment to the Macon County Board of Review

Edward H. Leonard, 510 S. Illinois, Niantic, IL 62551
Term Expires: May 31, 2007

Daniel D. Ellis, 8620 Hickory Hills Dr., Argenta, IL 62501
Term Expires: May 31, 2007

MOTION

Mr. Wolfe moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolutions G-2784-5-05 thru G-2788-5-05.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if there are requirements or any particular educational background for the Sanitary District.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said no. There are some that do have certain requirements like the appointments to the Board of Review. There are certain requirements for that. He said to his knowledge the Sanitary District does not require anything.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Cox, Drobisch, Dunn, Durbin, Hogan, Jacobs, Little, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Potts, Sampson, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Wilkins, Williams, Wolfe, Yoder, Zaiz

Nays: (None)

AYES = 20

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said the attorney for Don McMillen, Richard Heavner, faxed a letter to the Planning and Zoning Department that states Don McMillen wanted to withdraw his petition for rezoning, Z-1027-5-05, and is not going forward with it.

2. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution Z-1028-5-05 which is regarding Case R-06-03-05, a request by David Fletcher for rezoning of 194 acres from Agricultural to the R-4 Single Family Residential District. This property is commonly known as 790 Fletcher Lane in Mt. Zion Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously in favor of recommending the rezoning request be granted. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition as requested and voted unanimously to recommend that the County Board grant the requested rezoning.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution Z-1028-5-05 by prior roll call.

PETITIONER:

Mr. Ed Flynn: Mr. Flynn said he is an attorney in Decatur and represents the petitioner. The petitioner is also present as well as Phil Cochran, the engineer handling this project. This was unanimously approved by the zoning committee and has made its way through committee without any objection. He would be glad to answer any questions and respectfully requested they approve the request for rezoning.

There were no Objectors present at the meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (SAMPSON SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2005 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Durbin moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2005 meeting by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (SAMPSON SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

D. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Peter L. Canzano, Esq. of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, confirming the engagement of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood as special counsel to Macon County with respect to the Decatur Public Building Commission general obligation lease revenue bonds.

A notification letter from IDOT stating Contract 91289, Section 02-00170-00-WR had been satisfactorily completed and accepted.

A letter from IDOT stating Schmidt Construction Inc., was awarded Contract 91317, Section 03-00177-00-BR.

A letter from IDOT stating Illinois Valley Paving Co., was awarded Contract 91313, Section 03-00176-00-PV.

Two Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from Illinois EPA for Onyx Valley View Landfill - Unit 2.

A Public Notice from US Army Corps of Engineers Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding application by Decatur Park District for a project to construct a bike trail adjacent to Stevens Creek.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report - April 2005

Coroner's Report - February 2005, March 2005

Treasurer Fund Report - April 2005

Tax Collector Fund Report - April 2005

Auditor's Report - April 2005

Public Defender's Report - April 2005

MOTION

Mr. McGlaughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the Correspondence and Reports and that they be placed on file by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe had one thing he thought the EEHW Committee might want to look at. He said if they are negotiating for site 2 at the landfill, he thought maybe they could renegotiate the contract if they have to open it up for part of a new landfill. He thinks they should see what their options are on that.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum asked if they still have a siting committee or did the chairman

disband it.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said he did not disband it. He said Mr. Meachum is still on that committee.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said that was why he asked. He thought maybe they should meet with Sherri and talk about some of their options.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said maybe they should look at their avenues if they are opening it up for spot #2, that is not spot #1. It looks like there might be some negotiations there that they should be involved in.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said maybe the State's Attorney should review this.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said he has not seen a contract or anything. He was just going by what he heard tonight.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mr. Drobisch moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the Claims and pay when funds become available by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

4. Mr. Drobisch presented Resolution G-2789-5-05 which is amending the Macon County ESDA Ordinance to rename ESDA as Emergency Management Agency.

MOTION

Mr. Drobisch moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to approve Resolution G-2789-5-05 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mr. Drobisch presented Resolution G-2790-5-05 which is approving the contract for Macon County Sheriff's Police Services for the City of Macon, Illinois.

MOTION

Mr. Drobisch moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-2790-5-05 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mr. Drobisch moved presented Resolution G-2791-5-05 which is approving the contract for Macon County Sheriff's Police Services for the Village of Forsyth, Illinois.

MOTION

Mr. Drobisch moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-2791-5-05 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said they need to approve this if they can. Forsyth has not approved it yet. The Sheriff said when it is approved, by Forsyth there can be no fudging on the contract that the County proposed to them, so that would allow him to go ahead and sign-off. It would allow the Board to go ahead and give the chairman the authority to sign the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

OPERATIONS, PERSONNEL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

7. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-2792-5-05 which is approving the Health Insurance Proposal from Behnke & Company.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Resolution G-2792-5-05 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said this is the result of a year long effort of several people in this room, members of the OPL Committee and members of an Insurance Advisory Sub-committee that the Chairman appointed a year ago. When we have, for the last two years, received increases of 14% plus, after negotiations, to bring it down, it was in the 20 figures before, this year it is a miracle to see that we have a 1% increase. This Insurance Sub-Committee, made up of Mr.

Dunn and Mrs. Cox from this Board, representatives of the union and various officeholders worked on this. We had the Segal Company come in and do a review of our plan. He wanted to give them some of the specifics. The Blue Cross Blue Shield is 1%. The life insurance is staying pretty the same. Dental is going to increase 12%, but that is very minimal. Some of the other ways we were able to get this amount down was by increasing the deductible to \$400.00. This was all discussed with union folks and officeholders. This came about a lot from the survey that was sent out asking the employees for the things they wanted to see in regard to the health insurance program. One thing that came out of that was an adult wellness benefit that is now going to be part of the program, up to \$500.00 a year. He said that is a new one. Co-pay on the drug card is going to increase also. All in all the overall increase for the health insurance is going to be 1%. He said it is a 75/25 split between the County and the employee. It will amount to about .98 cents a month for an employee for their share, which is incredible today. He thanked everyone who had a part in this.

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe thanked that committee and said he intends to keep that committee active as long as he is Board Chairman. He is hoping there are a couple of other insurance issues that they may look at.

8. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-2793-5-05 which is authorizing the Macon County Purchasing Department to sell County property at auction.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-2793-5-05 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked when they sell these from different departments, does the money go back to those departments.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said they were told it goes back to the General Fund.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said the money came out of each one of these accounts.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said it originated from the General Fund.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said Animal Control does not originate from the General Fund. No money comes from the General Fund.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum asked where there money comes from.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said it comes from fines and fees.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said in the history of these sales, we usually don't make enough to pay the auctioneer. It is pretty pathetic what we get. Champaign got in trouble one year when they thought they were going to do something good by having a pre-auction for the employees. They got into trouble.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said she just felt if it came out of their budget then it should go back into their budget.

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said if memory serves him correctly, we have researched this issue before and our instructions from the State's Attorney at that time were that these receipts must be placed in the General Fund.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said the only way we could supplement around that is by doing what the Highway Department does where we offer it to the townships and any other government entity.

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said he is talking about this auction here. He said that is what they were advised at that time. He said it doesn't sound necessarily right, but....

Mr. Ahola: Mr. Ahola said they could look into it. It is not an issue of very much money.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said she realized that but the money does come out of their budget lines. They are willing to put it up for auction; they could junk it.

Mr. Ahola: Mr. Ahola said they could not junk it because it is public property and could be worth something. They could get in trouble for that too.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said that is why they had to start having an auction.

Mr. Ahola: Mr. Ahola said he can look into that.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said he was not sure if they had all been contacted by Mr. Dick Shelby which is who he intends to appoint next month to be the new Regional Superintendent of schools. He has assured Mr. Wolfe that he will attend the EEHW Committee meetings. Mr. Wolfe said he saw from the minutes that Mr. Williams brought up one of the questions he had about computers going to the schools if they need them. They went through this a month or so ago with the ones left over from one of the offices putting those out for the townships to be able to bid or to buy them for a dollar. He said if any of these computers are salvageable, and from the receipts he has seen, these items don't bring in much money at the auction, if a school district can use them to help our kids out, or the taxpayers kids, then it should be....

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams asked if the State's Attorney could look into the legality of that. He said the time we spend in categorizing these things and getting them out to the auction, the return is nothing. It actually probably costs us labor to get those things together for them to sell in one big lot for a few dollars. Mr. Williams is sure that several of the public school districts that have technology programs would love to have those computers so the kids could dissect them and

learn about the mother boards and different parts in the computer.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum asked if it could be anything like office equipment that could be used for educational purposes. He asked if they could also check into that option. He wondered if they wanted to just limit it to computers.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said they would have him look, but there is not a whole lot of good stuff there.

MOTION CARRIED. (COX SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)

COMMENTS:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said OPL is the oversight committee for Workforce Investment Solutions. He said their committee works very closely with Robyn McCoy their Executive Director. He feels it is very important that the entire Board know exactly what Workforce is and the important things they do for us in Macon County. He asked Robyn to come and briefly describe what Workforce is all about and what they do for the County of Macon.

Robyn McCoy: Mrs. McCoy said Workforce Investment Solutions operates under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. WIA is a federal employment training program. Most of them remember JTPA which was in the 80's and in the 70's it was CETA. The Workforce Investment Act is designed to provide a framework for national workforce preparation, and is an employment system designed to meet the needs of the local businesses and job seekers. The most important aspect of the act is it's focus on meeting the needs of local businesses for skilled workers. She wanted them to look at the flow chart that was in the packet she distributed. The United States Department of Labor allocates workforce dollars to the States. The governor then allocates dollars to 26 local workforce areas. Our area is comprised of Macon and DeWitt Counties. The Macon County Board Chair has been appointed to serve as the Chief Elected Official and the grant recipient for all federal workforce dollars. The next page in the packet is a map of how the State is divided within the Workforce Investment areas. We are number 19 and are the third smallest in the State. Our area received \$1,500,000 for the program year that will end on June 30, 2005. The Macon Board Chair and Workforce Investment Board develops a plan for how the federal employment and training funds will be spent. She included a list of the current members of their Board. The Macon County Board Chair appoints these members and they serve 3 year terms. We have approximately 380 individuals currently enrolled in our program. These individuals are made up of low income youth and adults and dislocated workers who have lost their jobs through lay-off and or plant closures. The Workforce Department of the County has 15 staff members. We have two office locations. The administrative office is located at 1075 W. Pershing. We are responsible for fiscal operations, budgeting, grant planning, monitoring EEO. The second office is the Illinois Employment and Training Center which is located at the Spring Creek Plaza. She said that houses all of their program staff, which are 12. Our resource room there has state of the art computers and the newest technology in resume writing, job search and career exploration. We provide workshops such as interview techniques, resume writing, job search and focus on success. In their packet on the right side is a calendar of those workshops for the month of June. On the back is a description of each of those

workshops that they actually hold at the Illinois Employment and Training Center, for customers. We also provide an assessment to determine an individuals strengths and outline a plan for their employment needs. Activities may include vocational training, in which we pay for tuition, fees and books, or it could be on the job training. We just graduated 66 customers in various occupations. On the blue sheet is a list of their fields of study and how many customers actually graduated from that field of study. As you can see half of those were in the healthcare industry, so we are confident they will have no problem finding employment. At the bottom are some of the training providers we have used. We have 36 contracts with local employers to provide on the job training services. The little lime green sheet in the packet has a list of employers we have used during the past year. Our on the job training program offers employers an incentive to hire our customers. Workforce reimburses 50% of an employees wage for up to 6 months. This program is extremely successful and very well received by our local employers. For our youth, we contract with local organizations to operate a year around youth program. The programs provide education employment opportunities to eligible, low income youth who are between the ages of 14 and 21. We target out of school youth who have dropped out and in school youths who are at risk of dropping out. The yellow page is a list of the contracts we have with area agencies. This past year we obligated \$340,000 to serve 85 youth. Right now we are in the process of reviewing our request for proposals for our next program year that will begin July 1st. Business is an important partner in our success. We offer the OJT program as an incentive to hire our customers. We meet with local employers to identify specific job skills and their future hiring needs. We provide pre-screening and interviewing of applicants to employers who do not have a human resource department. Our staff are active with the Chamber of Commerce and the Society of Human Resource Managers. We participate in job fairs and career fairs and the small business expo. At the last expo the business staff came up with the theme, Puzzled By Your Human Resource Needs? We Have Your Solutions. In the packet are two items given away by those who visited our booth at the expo. We are currently working with the labor management at Internet to schedule workshops for the 320 employees who will be affected by their plant closure in July. The workshops will introduce employees to Workforce staff, provide them with a detailed list of services we offer and encourage them to take advantage of these services. Our goal is to get them back to work as soon as possible. She invited the Board members to visit the center and see firsthand all that they have to offer. She said they could schedule a tour any time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Mr. Sampson presented Resolution G-2794-5-05 which is authorizing a bank line of credit - short term loan for up to \$800,000.

MOTION

Mr. Sampson moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve Resolution G-2794-5-05 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked what the rate ended up at.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said 2.49%.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said when we passed last year's budget we dedicated so much money to repay a certain fund. He asked which fund that was.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said Social Security was the one they earmarked.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if it went back into that fund.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said no. We don't even know if it is going to be there or not. But, if it is there, it will be up to us to....

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said someone had said there had been a projected Ending Fund Balance of about \$500,000.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said that was in the last fiscal year that just ended. We are hoping to have more than that this year because of the LEST offset. Mr. Sampson asked Ms. Stockwell if it was \$200,000 that we are hoping to get.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said they earmarked \$100,000 for debt repayment and then....

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said he just wanted to keep an eye out to make sure we put that....

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said this is the time of year when we have less cash. She said what was envisioned in the budget process was that we would say for sure we were going to put \$100,000 to the debt and then cash flow would be analyzed after we get through this cash need, and see if we can do any better than that.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said his main emphasis is to make sure we pay something back on that debt. He thinks that is very important. He could not remember which one of the funds it was that we were going to put that money in. He asked if we are short in Social Security.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said yes.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked how much we are short.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said we need \$170,000 to get through.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said the \$100,000 would go a long way and that was the reason he asked the question.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson asked what the total debt is to the Social Security Fund.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said \$269,000 and that has never been repaid from the old debt. He had pointed out in the memo he sent to Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Sampson, that if that money had been in there, we would not be doing this internal borrowing, but we have no choice.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said he has always had the feeling that when this money did not get repaid that we have actually been in violation of federal statute.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said that probably goes back to 1999. IMRF is the same situation.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said he is more concerned with Social Security because it is a federal statute.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said that was earlier on in the finance process. It was agreed that we would lay that \$100,000, that was budgeted, on Social Security. Social Security ran out last year and is running out again this year. At least IMRF doesn't run out, or it hasn't so far. Mr. Grimm's recommendation was that they put the \$100,000, or even more if we can, on Social Security so we don't have to do this next year.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said the quicker we get it paid back the better.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said he would be taking care of that right after the first distribution.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs asked if they anticipate a \$500,000 Ending Fund Balance in the General Fund this year. He said that is what the paper said.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said no. He said \$500,000 is what they had in the 2004 fiscal year. We got that.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said the paper did say that the County was projecting a \$500,000 surplus for this year. He wondered where that number came from himself.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said he did not recall it being that high.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said the Ending Fund Balance, which is essentially the savings account, the balance sheet item in the General Fund was positive in the late 90's and turned negative in the time of troubles and has been negative. We've had surpluses in the checking account in our operating fund and income statement in the General Fund in 2002, 2003 and 2004, so that negative number on our balance sheet account is now positive. The audit is not complete yet, but it looks like about \$500,000 of positive Ending Fund Balance. Fund Balance has again flipped to negative because this is the time of year when we are using more resources than we bring in. We hope that because the budget is a balanced budget, that we would be no worse off than a \$500,000 Ending Fund Balance at the end of 2005. She said they need to differentiate between income in the General Fund and Ending Fund Balance. Ending Fund Balance is related to, but not exactly the same as cash flow in the General Fund. The situation is improving. We see it first on the income statement in 2002, 2003 and 2004. Our current situation is that we are bringing in more money than we are spending, and that allows us to refill that Ending Fund Balance hole on the balance sheet. The next big step will be to start repaying that \$3,000,000 of internal debt using the cash flow we are generating from current operations. We will have to see what cash flow looks like after we make it through this period where we are using more resources than we bring in, just because that is the way the year goes.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs said it is difficult for him to understand how they can have a \$2,800,000 overdraft and say that they are only going to pay back \$100,000. He said that is not a true and bonafide budget.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said it is not a balanced budget.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said it is a peculiarity of government accounting. By the rules of GASB Fund Accounting, the debt wasn't created in the income statement, it was a non-income statement item, so it will not be repaid through the income statement. We are certainly all hoping that we can repay more than \$100,000. In the budget discussion, the Board said we understand that we do not know how much free cash flow would be generated but we want to make a commitment. We want to show we are serious about debt repayment. So, we are actually going to set this money aside in the budget, with the hope that when we look at free cash flow we will be able to do better than that. She said that is where we really left it.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs said what we are really saying is we don't have any money to pay it back.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said at this moment we don't because this is point of the year where we are using more resources than we bring in because we are waiting the first distribution.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs asked about the \$500,000 we supposedly had last year.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said the \$500,000 is Ending Fund Balance, the book value of the savings account.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs said he is talking about dollar in and dollar out.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said right now we are using more cash than we bring in. Therefore, we have to borrow or use reserves that are already in the bank to get us through this period before the first distribution, so right now we are using cash. She said that is why we have to go out and borrow. Ms. Stockwell said if we get to the point where Ending Fund Balance is at the point, and that is why she brought the numbers to them in the Finance Committee.... The Comptroller and the Association of Government Financial Professionals both say we need to have something in the order of, they say \$2,000,000, she would be happy with \$1,500,000 or \$1,000,000. We need an Ending Fund Balance at that level to be able to have cash flow where we don't have to have this cash dip. She said \$500,000 is great news. It is better than Macon County has been in quite a while, but it is not enough to completely eliminate our need for borrowing in the cash deficit period. She is sure the Finance Committee will want to revisit this as we get through the first distribution and we go into the period where we starting generating cash and we can all reach a determination together of what the appropriate number is for repayment of the debt this year. The Board has said in the budget, that they have made a commitment to debt repayment and it will be at least \$100,000.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams asked if the first distribution is defined as the taxes payable.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said that was correct.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe asked if he was correct in assuming that the \$500,000 that we say we had from last year is an added on amount from the year before when we saved \$200,000 and the year before when we saved \$100,000, so we actually didn't save \$500,000 last year. We may have saved \$200,000, but it is all added together.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said yes. We are bringing that negative number up into positive territory. Ending Fund Balance and cash flow differ. As we talk about debt repayment we can provided schedules that show the difference between those two things.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said we are in a better cash situation this year, than we were last year. She said that is why we are seeing borrowing later and for a smaller amount. Ms. Stockwell said that is another indicator that says our financial situation has improved. The cash need period is shorter and shallower which means when we go to a cash positive situation, hopefully the money will be there to start repaying the debt, to make a down payment on the debt.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean asked when they are going to do draw downs on the Automation Fund and GIS for the employees that are supposedly payed out of that, or is that done all of the time.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said she does not remember which is where, but they are doing that as it comes depending on what is payed out of that fund.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said he wanted to go over the borrowing one more time so that everyone understands where we are on, internal borrowing, first of all. On April 25th we borrowed internally from the Judgement Fund in the amount of \$550,000 to shore up the General Fund. The second document we have is to shore up Social Security. We have 4 pays left until June 24th and that is our target for first distribution. Roughly it is \$43,000, so that is \$172,000 and that is what the document is asking to transfer. Hopefully, that will take care of Social Security. As he said before, this is an ongoing problem. It happened last year, and it is because it is short \$269,000 and change that has never be repaid. Also, he said tax bills will go out tomorrow. The first installment will be due June 13th and the second one on September 1st. The tentative plan right now is for first distribution on June 24th, which is a Friday. It may carry over to the 27th before the checks are actually going out, but by the 27th. This document that has already been passed about the external borrowing, he wanted to say again, that right now, it is precautionary only. He would like nothing better to tell them thanks for passing it and he hopes he won't have to use it. Mr. Grimm said that is the way he feels right now. He said if we can limp through to the 24th, we may not have to go outside this year, and that is a major victory in Macon County. We shall see in a matter of a few weeks what happens there. He said they received Safety Tax in the office yesterday, \$199,662 versus May 2004 when it was \$158,800. It slid backward last month by \$7.00 for some reason. The General Fund was at \$890,303 yesterday, which is not bad. We have already cleared payroll so for right now we are ok. We also received \$171,456 in fees from the Circuit Clerk, today. It will go in tomorrow, so there is almost \$1,000,000 which is pretty good. However, they have to remember that the \$550,000 was just slammed in there a

couple of weeks ago. We will see. He hopes we will not have to borrow externally, but he would not tell them yet that we don't.

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman asked if 100% of the tax bills would be going out tomorrow, or is there for some reason, a few that lag behind every year.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said there will not be any that lag behind. They will all go out. He said they are probably out right now because we use a commercial mailer. They go out late on Thursday to the post office and we will have some people walking in tomorrow afternoon to pay. They will get them in the morning and will want to come unload that money.

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman said it seems like tax bills come over a four or five period and that was the reason he asked that question.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said when your dealing with the post office what could he say.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe asked where we are at with receiving payment for Probation.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said we have not received one dime, nor have we received anything for IV-D either.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said, so if we had that money, there is a possibility we would not have to be borrowing right now.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said when you put that money together it is \$649,000 that the State is holding. We have not received a dime. We would not have to be worrying about going out and borrowing.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said he wanted to make a comment to the Treasurer. He said his wife works for the post office and since 9-1-1 has been around, at the office she works at, if you send out mail with rural route addresses it will not get delivered. It will get kicked back. He said that is part of the problem right there. They don't have the 9-1-1 addresses on the bills.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said they do have the 9-1-1 addresses on the bills. They have worked closely on that.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said there were some last year that had rural routes. He said some went back and some got delivered because they actually knew the people.

Mr. Grimm: Mr. Grimm said most of the time the change has to be started by the property owner, for us to know about the correct address. Last year, since he is treasurer for 9-1-1, he started to slowly but surely secure the information, he said slowly but surely. They will get some back this year, but they give it their best effort to get them out. He was not being critical of the U.S. postal system when he said that.

MOTION CARRIED. (COX SHOWED HER VOTE AS PRESENT)

10. Mr. Sampson presented Resolution G-2795-5-05 approving increase in appropriations in the County Clerk's budget.

MOTION

Mr. Sampson moved, seconded by Mr. Durbin to approve Resolution G-2795-5-05 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked what HAVA means.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said Help America Vote Act. It was money left over from last year. He asked them if they wanted him to ship it back and they said no, spend it. It wasn't in the budget so he needed to get it in.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if this is what they will buy new curtains with.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said he does not know what they will buy with it yet.

MOTION CARRIED. (COX SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)

COMMENT:

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said he thinks they got some pretty good news tonight. We are not there yet. We don't have the money to pay back this \$3,000,000, but isn't it great to be talking about how soon we are going to pay it back, rather than how many more people we are going to lay off next month. We have made some progress, Republicans and Democrats together. He thanked them for that.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said they are in the process of sending out notifications for the expiration of contracts. They are hoping to be into those negotiations very soon.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

COMMENT:

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said they would lump all of those together except for the last one which has a scribner error on it.

11. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1397-5-05 which is appropriating funds for the purchase of ITR GenPro Time & Attendance Software and Hardware.

Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1398-5-05 which is approving permission for Verizon to relocate existing facilities along and underneath Four Bridges Road (CH 55) south of Niantic.

Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1399-5-05 which is approving permission for Jack Malloy to install a new entrance and culvert.

Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1400-5-05 which is approving permission for Heartland Church to bore a water service line under Brush College Road (CH 1) north of Rea's Bridge Road.

Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1401-5-05 which is approving an agreement for Jurisdictional transfer of a Section of Main Street (CH 30) in Mt. Zion from Baltimore (CH 7) East to end of Jurisdiction from Macon County to the Village of Mt. Zion.

Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1402-5-05 which is approving an engineering agreement with H.L. Chastain & Associates for construction engineering for Farm Progress.

Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1403-5-05 which is appropriating funds to cover a 50/50 cost share drainage improvement project with Long Creek Township.

Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1404-5-05 which is appropriating funds to cover a 50/50 cost share drainage improvement project with Mt. Zion Township.

Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1405-5-05 which is appropriating funds for the purchase of railroad crossing replacement on Andrews Street (CH 32) in Macon.

Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1406-5-05 which is appropriating funds for a 50/50 sidewalk project with Maroa-Forsyth Schools.

Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1407-5-05 which is appropriating funds for the purchase of Fleet pickup trucks from the responsible low bidder.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolutions H-1397-5-05 through H-1407-5-05 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked if they are putting in lights at CH 32 in Macon.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said it is a crossing surface. He said it is in conjunction with the City.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1408-5-05 which is granting permission to dispose

of surplus equipment at the County Highway Department.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Durbin to approve Resolution H-1408-5-05 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if it is one of each kind of truck.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said there is one 2001 Dodge truck and two of the 1996 Ford Pickups. He said the scribner error is in the Now Therefore, Be It Resolved paragraph. It should read, Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, by Macon County that they hereby authorize the County Engineer to dispose of the surplus equipment at the County Highway Department as the oversight committee sees fit.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if in these particular ways of getting rid of surplus property, would this be a combined sale.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said no. These are not a sale. They are offered to all of the township departments at a cost. They bid on them.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said they put them out to bid to all of the local entities and require a minimum bid. They advertise two weeks a head of time, with a date and a time and they have to return it back and the bids are opened up.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked what they do with what is left over.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said they usually offer it to individuals. Sometimes it is individuals for the township and sometimes it is individuals employed by us. He said probably 95% of the time it is dragged to the nearest junkyard and just given junk price. They are usually pretty well beat up by the time we are getting rid of them.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said that is not a great life expectancy for our equipment.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said the two 1996 Ford Crewcabs, one is on it's second motor and the other is on it's second transmission, so they have a lot of miles on them.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Macon County Building Sub-Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS:

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman said he is concerned about the absenteeism in the Zoning Board. He thought they have alternates for that, and there were only four in attendance. He said when there are only four in attendance, one person can make it very difficult for the petitioner to get his zoning passed because they have to have four affirmative votes. He proposed EEHW or the appropriate committee bring fourth a resolution requiring that there be five board members present before any zoning can be heard.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said he did not know if we could propose that. He could ask that committee, at this time to look at that.

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman said he just got through doing that. He was asking for that here.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if he was correct in assuming that is an ordinance and not a statute.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said he could not answer that. They would have to look and see.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said he always thought it was under and ordinance.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said we could ask our State's Attorney to give us legal advice on that.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said he wanted to recognize Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District. There were only 14 watersheds that were recognized nationally. There are a lot of watersheds in the State of Illinois and Macon County's was recognized on March 2nd of this year on a Lake Decatur water project. There were several members of the community involved. There were three farmers involved and Mr. Yoder was one of them. He thinks it is a special honor that Macon County has a Soil & Water Conservation District with that caliber and has people with that expertise working in this County. Part of that Lake Decatur watershed project is to help control the runoff and phosphates and nitrates into the lake, which he has always been concerned about. He and his family have been involved in conservation farming for years and he will continue it. He was rather surprised to be involved in that type of recognition along with the County.

Ms. Zaiz: Ms. Zaiz said she stated she would take the education on the road that she started last year at the fair. Her first one will be next Thursday, May 19th at the Senior Center. The topic will be animal control. She is hoping to have one every other month to educate the community. Any departments that would like to do it are welcome. It includes a free breakfast for those who attend. She asked them to let her know if they would like to attend and she could set it up.

Mr. Ahola: Mr. Ahola said they have just put together a Fine Collection Unit in the States Attorney's Office and the Circuit Clerk's Office. He said they will provide a full report next month. Judge Greanias has agreed to cooperate with the collection of these. He knows the Board has done a lot of work in the past on collecting fines, especially Dave Williams and he appreciated all of their help. We will be collecting old fines, plus we have a whole new system to collect new ones to make sure we don't get into an arrearage problem again.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said he is still concerned about the \$15.00 bonding issue that is charged to everyone who is checked into the County on the wrong side of the fence. If they are not guilty of anything, he thinks that \$15.00 should be refunded. It is a sad thing in this country when you do have to prove you are innocent of something. It can break you, bankrupt you, whatever. He thinks that is a very sad thing to start with but that is the way the cookie crumbles. So, anytime someone is innocent he thinks they should be given back everything that is do them because of the fact that they are innocent. He would like to see that practice start.

Mr. Ahola: Mr. Ahola said there is that 10% rule that if your guilty or even if the case is dismissed, the 10% stays with the County and that is because we no longer have bail bondsmen. He said that is a different issue than what Mr. Oliver is talking about. The fifteen dollars is the subject of a lawsuit right now that we just got correspondence on the other day. It remains to be seen what will happen to that. We are trying to determine exactly how many people had to pay this \$15.00. He wasn't sure if the Sheriff collects that from everybody or sometimes they waive it.

Sheriff Dawson: Sheriff Dawson said they waive it if the a person can't get out of jail and the \$15.00 is keeping them in custody.

There were no citizens remarks presented at the meeting.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

13. Mr. Wolfe presented Ordinance O-54-5-12-05 which is authorizing the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and certain documents in connection therewith; and related matters.

MOTION

Mr. Wolfe moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to approve Ordinance O-54-5-12-05 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Waks: Mr. Waks said this is an ordinance involving collateralized single family mortgage revenue bonds. This matter was taken up by the County in November and an ordinance was passed indicating they have an interest in participating in this. The State of Illinois is going to issue \$3,000,000,000 worth of bonds for mortgages for low income housing to assist people in getting these mortgages. There is going to be \$300,000,000 worth of bonds sold in this next coming year. Macon County is being allocated a little over \$10,000,000 of those bonds for first time home buyers. It gives the first time home buyers up to 3% of their mortgage to go toward their down payment and costs of financing. They will go get a typical FHA or VA loan for the balance of it. First time home buyers is an interesting phrase because you can regain your status

as a first time home buyer by not participating in ownership for a period in excess of 3 years.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said this is kind of the same thing we have been passing for the last few years.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mr. Wolfe presented Resolution G-2796-5-05 which is approving a contract between the Macon County Sheriff's Department and the Decatur Public Building Commission regarding security personnel in the Macon County Office Building.

MOTION

Mr. Wolfe moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-2796-5-05 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said we have the appropriate number of signatures to hold a Special Board Meeting on May 26, 2005 at 7:15 for the bonds with the Public Building Commission. They would be receiving a notice on that.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to adjourn until Thursday May 26th, 2005 at 7:15 p.m. for the Special Call Board Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.